

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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GROWING UP INTO JESUS CHRIST

That Compacted Body of People That Paul Talks About.

NO SATISFACTION WITH-
OUT THE HIGH STAND-
ARD IS REACHED.

I would remain silent to-night were it not for disappointing those I love. But for love's sake I come along with the regular weekly message. I don't know what it will be, but surely God will not disappoint us.

I was once holding a meeting in a school house in the country in the time of year when farmers plow their corn. It was a very peculiar meeting, but the results were very good, although some of the results were not known for years afterward. There was a certain man in the community that could not be induced to attend any religious meeting. He was not an infidel but he just would not go to meeting. He did not want to hear preaching, and of course he did not attend this meeting. His cornfield was near the school house and he plowed corn while the meeting was in progress. He was near enough the house so he could hear the sound of singing and preaching, but could not hear a word that was said. But the sound touched him and the Holy Ghost used it to convict him. And in his confession later he stated that the sound from the preacher's voice led him to Christ and he was saved right there in that cornfield.

It is not always plain spoken words that bless the people, but it is the Spirit that accompanies the words. Quite recently I was asked to present a line of Scriptures to a certain person to convince him of an error he had fallen into, but I felt it was useless at that time. I advised that we pray for him, and let the Holy Ghost convince him of his error. I believe He will do it.

It may not be the words of the message that will prevent disappointment this time, but I will be satisfied if only the people are blessed by the now of the spirit of the message, whether the words are connected well or not. It is what God does that counts, although He often works through human agency.

There is a theme that I consider of vast importance that can hardly be emphasized too much. It may be expressed briefly in the words above—Growing up into Jesus Christ. This is a theme presented by the apostle Paul, and he urged his people to press on into higher heights of religious experience.

It seems that we have been blessed above any people on earth. I never have been able to understand it. Why had not others found this that we have found? Why had not others been chosen to wind up the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham? It is as mysterious as was the call of Abraham. It is passing strange, but we are compelled to acknowledge God's hand in it all. And thousands of us are in it and can hardly give a reason more than the hand of providence ordered it.

I am sure there is a gradual growth under way all the time. It may seem rather spasmodic at times, but the real growth does not come that way. No doubt there are times and seasons of refreshing that quickens the growth so it is the other. It is usually better

much faster than at other times, but this is because of the existing conditions, the flow of the Spirit and the showers that fall.

A strong warning and some good advice is given by Peter concerning growth. He shows that some people misunderstand the Scriptures, place their own construction upon them and wrest them to their own destruction. This, of course, is serious enough, but now falls the warning. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." And now comes the good advice. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

Call attention to the warning a few moments. These are good people. Peter calls them, "beloved." He loves them and is very anxious that they remain true. But he sees a possibility of them falling into error under the influence of others who are wrong. He warns them tenderly and lovingly. He doesn't want them to be led astray, so he warns them.

Peter was even anxious about those who were strong and steadfast. "Beware," he says, "lest ye fall from your own steadfastness." The influence of the wicked is powerful. The influence of erroneous teaching often affects people that have seemed to be established and settled for years. And this is the class that Satan delights in overthrowing.

But Peter gives a preventive. His advice should be followed. "Grow in grace"—keep on growing. Don't stop for a minute. It was this stopping that caused David's downfall from which he never fully recovered. David had been strong in war, strong in character, loved by all and he was all the time busy—doing something to build up the kingdom. But he finally quit going to war. His mind became otherwise occupied. He could trust the generalship to others and it gave him time for relaxation. He was not kept busy. He was taken out of the pressure he had been under for years. His mind could drift occasionally. This gave the evil spirit a chance at him, and thus the way was made for his downfall. If one follows Peter's advice he will not drift—he will not fall.

"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge." This will keep one busy. He will have no time for his mind to drift. The evil spirit will have no chance at him. A certain brother once mentioned to me about having some strong temptations to do evil. He said it seemed they would overcome him in spite of everything he could do, and he had yielded to an extent. He seemed to want me to sympathize with him, but I told him I had no such experiences as he described, that I was too busy. My mind was all the time engaged so the evil spirit had no chance to edge in such temptations. I had not thought of it in that way so much before, but since that time I have often mentioned to others that the best way to avoid temptations and tricks of the devil is to keep so busy with important duties that there is no time for

for a person to be in a strain or in a press all the time. More work than you can do and work day and night at that. When your day's work is done, don't be idle, but read, and study, and develop your mind, and grow mentally, grow spiritually, grow in grace. Grow up into Jesus Christ. Become more like Him.

Notice the life of Jesus, how full it was. Some of the years of His life are unknown, but wherever there is any record given it always shows Him as being busy. At twelve years of age when Joseph and His mother lost Him He was so busy He could not get away from Jerusalem with the company. And on their return in search for Him they found Him fully occupied. And when they remonstrated with Him for remaining in the city when He certainly knew His parents and their company were gone He replied with marked surprise, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" And during the three years of His ministry His time was fully occupied. He had no time to lose.

Jesus is our example as well as instructor, and we are to grow up into Him. We are to be partakers of His nature. We are to follow His steps. We are to become like Him. And we find no stoppage in our growth. Stop growing and what is the result? It will lead to idleness, and idleness—where does it lead one to? Where has it led its millions? What has it done for those who have been enwrapped in its folds?

While Peter urges a continual growth we must not forget that it takes both food and exercise to insure a growth of anything. Trees have to be fed, and blown about by the wind. Children have to be given appropriate food and plenty of exercise. The growth will be stunted without the right kind of food and the right kind of exercise. Chinese bind the feet of their female children to keep them from growing. In order to insure the best growth all bands must be taken off and kept off. Peter gives instructions about the requirements to insure growth in a spiritual sense. The food is to be the sincere milk of the Word. (1 Peter 2:1) But food is not the only thing. The bands have to be taken off. Peter names the bands—malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies, evil speakings.

A person may be fed on the sincere milk of the Word and wonder why he does not grow in grace. He can tell that he is making no progress in his experience. But he may not remember he has some malice. He may not think of that guile that is lurking in his heart or mind. He may not think those little flippant spells of hypocrisy that he takes occasionally hinders his growth. He may not give any attention to the envy that is there. And he may not consider that he has any spells of evil speaking at all. He may be in such a habit of saying things that are properly classed as evil speakings that he is unconscious of such leaving his lips.

Here it is as Peter gives it. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile and hypocrisies and envies, and all evil speakings as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." (1 Peter 2:1, 2) You can't grow up into Him and have malice. What is malice? Evil intention to injure others;

deliberate mischief; ill feeling, grudge; ill will." Peter says all of these have to be laid aside as a prerequisite to growth. There can be no growing up into Jesus Christ where there is malice existing.

"Lay aside all guile." What is that? "Deceit, cunning, fraud." This must not be there whether one practices deceit or fraud outwardly or not. If the tendency to practice deceit or fraud is in the heart life the growth will be hindered. The expression by Peter is positive. Lay aside ALL guile—deceit, fraud. Every particle, every atom of it. Then, and not until then, will this hindrance be removed.

Lay aside all hypocrisies. It hardly seems that honest people will have hypocritical notions and make claims of Christian experiences that they do not possess, but here are the instructions of Peter, and hypocrisies are included as if some would feign to be something they are not. Among our people this could be some that claim the gift of tongues, interpretations, or healings and not be endowed with such gifts. It could include other claims just as well. But all such things have to be laid aside if one grows up into Jesus Christ.

The next to consider is envy. Peter says lay aside envies. This means to put away grudges, or any feeling of displeasure at the excellence or prosperity of another. This would include jealousy—feelings that come up between ministers sometimes. These things must not exist if one desires to grow up into Jesus Christ. They will prevent spiritual growth. Just as well expect the foot of a Chinese woman to grow with that awful bandage on it, as to expect one to grow up into Jesus Christ and be full of envies or jealousies.

The last hindrance that Peter mentions is "evil speakings." These must be laid aside, too, if one wants to have a good spiritual growth. It does not seem that Christians would be guilty of such talk, but the indication here is that they may sometimes really be guilty of evil speaking. I do not know how long they may keep their good experience and use bad talk, but I should think not long.

Some may wonder what kind of evil speaking one could engage in and not lose his good experience. I wonder about this myself to an extent, but when it is fully defined it may not seem so strange. The word "evil" means something else besides wickedness or sinfulness. It means worthless. People can probably engage in worthless speaking and not lose out entirely, but this will certainly hurt one's experience enough so it will hinder or dwarf the growth if nothing more. In a sense it is unkind speaking. Unkindly talk about a friend or brother that will have a tendency to injure him or hurt his influence. Any talk that will injure another in any way may be classed as evil speaking. All of this kind must be laid aside if one grows well in his religious experience.

Under this head might be considered what the Bible mentions as back-biting, or taking up a reproach or report that is told and passing it on to others. This is certainly unbecoming for a Christian and will hinder his growth if nothing more. Even if a brother has fallen into reproach in some sense it is certainly "evil speaking" to help circulate the matter by telling it to others. If it is true, and the brother has fallen, he ought to be helped up instead of having his misfortune told to every body. If it is a false report, of course it is

SOMETHING GOOD AHEAD

Must Not Droop or Give Way to Discouragement.

Keep a Firm Step and a Steady Forward Push.

A good many have sent for extra copies of the Evangel and the subscription blanks to use in securing subscriptions for the paper. This is right and we want to encourage others to do the same thing.

A good many have been sending in nice lists of subscriptions for which we wish to thank the senders, and we would like to encourage others to take up the work and do the same thing. We want to get thousands more by the Assembly, and we want everybody to feel that this is your work as well as ours.

I have told you often that we will not be able to reduce the price below one dollar in this campaign, but that one dollar should be considered about half price considering the high cost of paper and in comparison with the subscription price of other papers, and we want the subscribers to feel that way about it. It will be perfectly right for the workers to represent the paper in this way.

We are sure there is some "evil speaking" to circulate a false report. All of these kind of things must be laid aside if one grows up into Jesus Christ in a Bible sense. Love will never do such.

Paul, as well as many of the other writers has made it plain that we should protect one another and work to help and bless one another instead of hurting one another by evil speaking. Every member needs the help and protection of every other member instead of an unkind look or "cold shoulder" or "evil speaking." Some one has said, "talk is cheap," but I tell you some kinds of talk is costly, and if you engage in conversation that falls under the head of evil speaking it will dwarf your experience, or kill it entirely. Let the members of a local church get to talking unkind talk about one another and that church will soon stop its growth. The members will wonder what is the matter and no one will take any part of the blame on himself, and probably many will blame the preacher for it all.

We want that compacted body of people that Paul talks about, but we will not get it by evil speaking. It will have to come after the way described by Paul. "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." (Eph. 4:15, 16) And truly there is no satisfaction without the high standard is reached. And this high standard can only be reached by growing up into Jesus Christ.

Now, beloved, let us lay aside all hindrances, no matter what they are, and let us feed upon the best spiritual food and give a chance for a good healthy growth so we will be like Him when He comes.

This message is given with the very tenderest feelings toward every one with a view to helping some one up to a higher standard of religious freedom and growth. My heart loves you all dearly as I say good night.

thing good ahead that people will want to know about, and they may never know of this if they do not read the Evangel regularly. Tell the people that there is no other paper like it, and that it contains many good things that no other paper publishes. Tell them it represents the greatest institution on earth—The Church of God.

When some one tells you he does not want the paper, and does not treat you with courtesy, you must not droop or give way to discouragement, but make this a stepping stone to greater aggressiveness. Pick up courage and go right on with your drive to get more subscribers. Remember you are working for a good cause, and one that is to be proud of. Keep up a firm step and a steady forward push. I tell you, beloved, we must win in this drive.

We still kindly ask that the renewals for another year remain at the two dollars rate, but remember we do not want any one to feel that we are making a definite charge of two dollars a year; and if people do not feel able to pay the two dollars it is perfectly satisfactory with us for them to renew for one dollar. We only asked all who are able and felt willing to help us out of our hard place by sending in two dollars for renewal. Many have done this already and their assistance is greatly appreciated. And if there are yet others that can help us in this way, whether their subscription is due or not, it will be greatly appreciated. Remember every little helps, and the high cost of paper and other high expenses have put us in a hard place financially. But we fully believe God is going to help us out in some way.

Please do all you can in this drive for New Subscriptions at one dollar a year. Remember this will help in a twofold manner. It will give us more ready money to meet our present needs and get the good love messages to a greater number of people.

Finally, God bless you. We will expect every lover of the Evangel to enter the ranks and help us in this great drive to run the subscription list up to the twenty-five thousand mark. Keep up a firm step and a steady forward push and we will surely go over the top with a sweep of victory in a few weeks. Hurrah for the Evangel!

Seeking the Right Way.

Dear Evangel Readers: I want to write a few lines as I am so interested in your paper. I have just read the Evangel and feel good over it.

I have never heard a Church of God minister preach, but if this is the right way, I want you all to pray for one to come to Baxley, Ga. before it is too late. Also pray that it will be so we can go to the meetings. We all joined the Advent church six years ago, but it has been six years since I have been to church.

I want to ask a special prayer of the saints for my unsaved husband, eight children and myself that we will see the right way before it is too late. Pray earnestly that we will overcome all sin, as I know we are on the way to destruction, and do want the prayers of all. Mrs. John Vaughn, Baxley, Ga.

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Foreign Mission day, Sunday,
Sept. 12.

Reports of great meetings in
many places.

The next Assembly is an-
nounced for Nov. 4-9.

Bartley L. Hicks, of Canton,
N. C., came into the office a
few days since and presented
us with a typewriter for the
office. This is greatly appreci-
ated. Many thanks.

Last week showed up the
largest weekly pay roll we have
ever had. Both the office and
Auditorium combined amount-
ed to \$642.09. This means get-
ting some work done, doesn't
it? It means getting some
money to pay it, too. Are you
praying?

If you have not done so you
should order your Sunday-
school literature for next quar-
ter at once. Remember this is
for the Christmas quarter and
it will take a larger supply than
usual. Better order a plenty at
the beginning.

If you want to purchase a
nice new Bible send for our
descriptive Bible price list and
see if you can find one that will
suit you. The prices of Bible
cases are also given on same
sheet.

We have a few more of the
Ladies Hand Bags left. If you
want one send the price, \$2.50,
and we will take pleasure in
supplying you.

If you are not yet baptized
with the Holy Ghost and fire
you are missing something
great. Better hurry and get
this wonderful experience.

Our dearly beloved Chas.
Holt of Atlanta Ga. slipped off
to Heaven about 2:30 the
third, inst. The family have our
deep sympathy in this time of
bereavement. We hope to have
full particulars or a short obit-
uary for next week.

One shipment of the new
song books has arrived and we
have made haste to fill the
orders as far as they would go.
We expect another shipment in
a few days and we will fill the
orders as fast as we can get
them. Some who have tried the
songs say they are fine. Re-
member the price is 30c single

copy post paid, \$3.00 per dozen.
We hope to be able to fill all
orders promptly now. Order of
Evangel Office.

Do all you can to help us in
the Evangel subscription drive.
We want every subscriber to
get at least one subscriber.
Surely this is not asking too
much. If the paper is good for
you I'm sure you will be inter-
ested in getting it into other
homes. Thank you in advance
for your help.

NOTICES

I want to rent a two horse
crop for the year 1921, with a
Church of God family.

Wife and I are trusting the
Lord for all. Pray that He may
have His way with us.

W. W. Willoughby
Rebecca, Ga.

I have a good second hand
gospel tent for sale and will
sell cheap, for cash, to any
Church of God minister.

J. L. Centers,
Box 60. Prestonsburg, Ky.

A tent meeting will begin at
Hazard, Ky., Sept. 4, 1920, and
will continue three weeks or
more. We expect a big time in
the Lord and invite all who can,
to come and be with us.

Sincerely,
J. L. Centers.

I am out for lost souls and
the great Church of God. If any
one wants me for revivals or
camp meeting, my address is,
David Niswander, evangelist,
R. F. D. 3. Pulaski, Va.

The Church of God at Bethel,
Ala., wants to know the where-
abouts of Brother Andy Lowery
or his standing with the Church
of God.

J. H. Clark,
Arkadelphia, Ala.

To the Ministers of the Church
of God:

We will appreciate any mem-
ber of the Church of God who
will come and see us. Any min-
isters with real Church of God
license are welcome to come
and eat at our restaurant, free
of charge.

Dewey Range and B. O.
Rosenbaum.
807 S. Gay St. Knoxville, Tenn.

We expect to begin a revival
at Coalfield, Tenn. Sept. 15,
1920, D. V. to continue ten
days or longer. Brother Charlie
Prince of Cleveland, Tenn. and
C. H. Martin of Cookeville,
Tenn. are expected to be with
us. We earnestly desire the
prayers of the saints every-
where that God will give victory
in this meeting.

Chas. M. Grisam, district
overseer.

We expect to start a revival
at Tarpon Springs, Fla., the 2nd
Sunday in September. Brother
John L. Stephens and wife of
Tampa will be with us and
Brother F. J. Lee, our state
overseer, may possibly be with
us a few days. We ask every
one who reads this notice to
join with the church at this
place in prayer, for a grand re-
vival, that souls may be saved,
sanctified and filled with the
Holy Ghost. Those who can
attend are invited and those
who cannot come, please pray.
J. P. Hughes, pastor.

We have the work in Texas
divided in districts as follows:
Lyra district, W. E. Drake,
overseer, churches, Lyra, Thur-
ber, Ranger, Crockett district,
W. W. Rush, overseer, churches,
Crockett, Shiloh, Shepherd's
Chapel; Ladonia district, T. M.
McClendon, overseer, churches,
Willow Grove, Clutter, Lannus.

I have charge of the Paris dis-
trict at present which includes
the following churches, Paris,
Clark's Chapel and Mt. Pleasant.

H. N. Scoggins, overseer of
Texas.

Paris, Tex.

I wish to announce that I can
not be out in the work for a
while. I have four calls and am
expecting more in a few days.

My mother's health is very
poorly and she requires my
presence all the time, as she is
not able to wait on herself. She
is 72 years old and has come to
my home to live until Jesus
calls for her. My brothers think

I am the proper one to look
after her and I am glad to do
all I can for her, my dear moth-
er. God bless her.

Pray for her and myself also.
I want to be true all the way.

Your sister in the Church of
God,

Mary L. Simpson.
Searles, Ala.

To All the Church of God Peo-
ple in Mississippi and Other
States:

A revival meeting will begin
at New Bethel church, two
miles north of Sapa, Miss., Sept.
25, 1920. Brother Z. D. Simpson,
overseer of Ala., will be in
charge of the meeting assisted
by other workers and preach-
ers. C. A. Churchill will have
charge of the music. We urge
all the preachers from Miss-
issippi to come. We will do our
best to take care of you. You
have a cordial welcome, come
over and help us. We have a
new church building and also a
new organ. This is a great
place for a meeting. You will
miss the treat of your life if
you do not come. We will ex-
pect you.

C. A. Churchill, district
pastor.

Dream

Dear Evangel Readers:

I had a dream about a year
ago and it is as plain to me
as if I had dreamed it last night
and I would like for some one
to send me the interpretation
through the Evangel.

In my dream I saw a cyclone.
A great storm coming. There
was a ball of fire in the front,
I got up and opened the doors
and windows and one got
through. After the ball burst it
filled the air with small blazes
of all colors and thundered.
The Lord spoke to me and said,
"I will destroy all that heareth
not My voice."

G. W. Ragin,
Centerville, Tenn.

A Dream and Interpretation

The first thing I knew I was
walking along between my
house and a big white oak tree.
It seemed like it was between
sundown and dark. Some one
was walking with me and I said
to them, "Christ must be com-
ing, the clouds look so queer." I
turned and looked down the
hill toward a pond and I
saw Christ coming in the clouds.
I went running down there
and when I got there, there was
a great crowd standing on the
ground and I saw a great crowd
in the air and I didn't know but
one that was in the air. I com-
menced crying and praying and
begging Christ to take me too
and He said I was not ready to
go. But He said He would go
back and wait six months on
me to get ready. Just as soon as
He told me that, He and the
crowd disappeared out of sight,
so I turned and started back to
the house praying and all at
once I got happy and went to
shouting. The clouds that I saw
Christ in were as bright as they
could be and were in the shape
of a coffin.

Cordia Collier.

The Interpretation
As you are walking along be-
tween your house and the big
white oak, it means you have
some object between you and
where you live spiritually or
you have some kind of hinder-
ance in your spiritual life. Be-
tween sundown and dark means
the evening of time just before
the dark night of tribulation or
night of sin. Just ahead some
one seemed to be walking with
you. Many are saying Christ is
soon coming and are restless
and saying every thing looks or
seems so strange. The signs all
point to the fulfilling of His
coming prophecies.

You looked down the hill
towards a pond and saw right
up in the clouds Christ coming
and you go running to meet
Him. It is so easy to run down
a hill towards Christ, just say-
ing I believe in Christ and want
to join that church and be bap-
tized as many are doing to-day,
but here is the trouble with
the great crowd of people on the
ground, there is something else to
do if we are in the rapture.

You saw only one in the air,
you know there is such a few
who are ready for Jesus to
come, compared to the great
majority of professing Chris-
tians of to-day. You cried and
begged for Him to take you and
He said "You are not ready."

Your condition spiritually is the
condition of those on the
ground. Not quite ready. The
six months He said He would
wait for you to get ready is the
short length of time He is wait-
ing for His bride to be tried and
made white and purified.

It makes us shout to think of
getting ready for Jesus to come.
The bright clouds He was in is
the bright gospel light of Pente-
cost. The clouds shaped like a
coffin means something to hide
a corpse or bury out of sight.
Jesus will cover up and bury
our sins out of sight forever,
kill out and bury the old man
of sin. Hallelujah.

Dear saints everywhere, let's
get a little closer, go a little
deeper, search our hearts for all
imperfections, have more love
abounding love, suffer, sacrifice
and reflect His blessed image.

Humbly your sister,
Ida McCoy.

**Suffer Little Children to Come
Unto Me**

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
All the Saints—Greetings in
Jesus' Name:

I praise God for being saved,
sanctified and filled with the
Holy Ghost. I am ten years old
and have had the Holy Ghost
for four years and I am still
holding on to the Lord. Glory to
His dear name.

When we were having family
prayer Aug. 6, 1920, I saw a
vision of Jesus on the cross.
The vision is as follows: We
were praying and Jesus came
before me. He was carrying His
cross and I asked Him to let me
help Him. There was a host of
people around Him and they
said, "No, you can't at all" and
I cried and wept. They went to
a wall and put the cross on it, it
was so awful that I turned a-
round for a moment and when
I turned back He was hanging
on the cross and He looked
down and said, "Don't worry I
will be back in three days."

I want you all to pray for me
that I will hold on to the Lord
and be ready when He comes
or calls.

Your little sister,
Essey Collins, daughter of
B. P. Collins.

Love and Unity

Dear Saints of God—Greetings
in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to praise God this
morning for victory in my soul
and for the unity and love a-
mong the saints at this place.

We had a wonderful meeting
Sunday afternoon about a mile
and a half from here. It was
just wonderful to hear the good
testimonies and see the saints
shouting, dancing, leaping, cry-
ing and talking in tongues. Oh,
it did my soul so much good to
see the love that prevailed. One
man came in from the outside
crying and asked us to pray for
him. He fell down on his knees
and the Lord saved him.

One brother took us to the
place of worship in his auto.
On our way back home
there was singing, shouting
and talking in tongues all
the way. Well glory! I feel
the effects of it yet. It seemed
like the car was running with
wheels of love. Praise God!
Bless His sweet name forever!
Hallelujah!

There are about fourteen of
us standing for the great
Church of God in this place.
Pray that God will make a way
for us to build a church house.
How I love the Church of God
with Her government and rules.
I love to hear His good name in
this world. Oh if I could write
the contents of my heart for the
Church, and the joy unspeak-
able and full of glory.

I want to see souls saved and
His children built together to
await His coming, as it seems
everything is pointing to His
soon coming. What a good
time that will be when we can
go up together with Jesus. How
our hearts leap for joy when
we see our neighbors getting
saved and ready to go with us.
I just feel the divine love run-
ning through my whole being.
I am so glad I ever found this
way. Pen and paper, nor
tongue can ever tell what God
has done for us.

The Lord has been our doc-
tor for nearly seven years,
without any powders, pills, tea
or salves—not a drop of any-
thing to heal our bodies but the
power of the Lord. We have

five children and they all trust
God too.

Let us pray for those who
have the rule over us and watch
for our souls, and do our part
in every way.

Yours for lost souls,
Mrs. Chas. Everly,
Shamrock, Ky.

REQUESTS

Lenora Turner, Parish, Fla.,
asks the saints to pray for
her unsaved husband.

Annie Sherrill, Charleston,
Miss., wants the saints to
pray for her little girl's heal-
ing.

Miss Annie Suterland, Flattop,
Tenn., asks the saints to
pray that she may be an
overcomer.

A sister, in Missouri, requests
prayer that her husband may
be saved, sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. H. C. Graves, Omaha, Ark.,
wants the saints to pray that
her husband may press on
and obtain all the fullness of
God.

A sister, in Plant City, Fla., re-
quests prayer that her hus-
band may be saved and that
she may receive the Holy
Ghost.

A. C. Smith, Jacksonville, Fla.,
asks the saints to pray for
their success in building a
Church of God at that place.

Bonnie Hamner, Corona, Ala.,
requests the saints to earnest-
ly pray for the salvation of
her husband and children.

Joseph Wm. Barker, Shelfridge,
N. Dak. asks the saints to
earnestly pray for four peo-
ple who raised their hands
for prayer in that place.

Udora J. Marlow, Buhl, Ala.,
wants the saints to earnestly
pray for her healing. She has
a tumor of the bladder, indi-
gestion and other troubles.

Mrs. W. H. McCall, Largo, Fla.,
requests the saints to ear-
nestly pray for her husband
and two sons that they may
be saved.

Ida Semones, Schoolfield, Va.,
requests the saints to pray
that her mother and loved
ones may be saved before it
is too late.

Alexandria S. Darville, Bight
Long I, Bahamas, requests
prayer for his unsaved brother
that the Lord will save
him before it is too late.

Annie Mae Poe, Crockett, Tex.,
wants prayer of all the
members of the Church of
God that she may do more
work for her blessed Savior.

Claude Neeley, Eldorado, Ill.,
requests the saints to pray
that she may continue to
walk in the light and follow
Him who loves sinners.

Mattie Lee Wilson, Paris,
Texas, wants the saints to
earnestly pray for her heal-
ing. Also pray for her un-
saved husband and children
and that the Lord's will may
be done in her life.

Nannie Tolbert, Blount Springs,
Ala. asks the saints to ear-
nestly pray for the healing of
her little girl. Also pray for
her unsaved husband and
that she may stay humble at
Jesus' feet.

Hazel Simmons, Sikeston, Mo.,
requests the saints to ear-
nestly pray that she may re-
ceive the Holy Ghost. Also
pray for the little band of
saints there that they may
live humble and be ready
when Jesus comes.

Macie Hodges, Nortae, Miss.,
wants the saints to pray for
a great out pouring of the
Lord's Spirit at that place
and that a church may be
established there. Also pray
for her husband that he may
get closer to the Lord.

Mrs. Emma Payne, Branford,
Ga., asks the saints to pray
that she may be delivered
out of the hands of wicked
people and that the Lord will
send some Church of God
people there to hold a meet-

ing. Please pray for her
loved ones that they may be
saved.

Mrs. Maude Puckett of Walliska,
Ga., requests prayer for a
Mr. Brown, a Methodist
minister, that he may be
healed of asthma and that he
may receive the Holy Ghost.
He is very hungry for the
Spirit. Also pray that God
will continue to work as
there are prospects for a
great harvest there. Pray
earnestly.

Mrs. W. R. Shaw, Enville, Fla.,
requests the saints to pray
earnestly for her daughter.
She is unconscious half the
time and pray that the Lord
will save her soul. Also pray
for the rest of her family and
that she may draw nearer to
Jesus.

Mrs. May Basham, Whiteside,
Tenn., wants the saints to
earnestly pray that she may
do the Lord's will. Also pray
that her husband may be
sanctified and baptized with
the Holy Ghost. Pray that
the false doctrines that are
taught in that place may be
destroyed.

Report of Camp Meeting at Catchings, Miss.

On Aug. 15, 1920, the work-
ers began to arrive on the
grounds with the glory of the
Lord on their faces. Our souls
leaped for joy.

The church was filled and
many had to stand on the out-
side. Our souls were thrilled
with joy as Brother Churchill
and Sister Jullerat began to
sing and play on their instru-
ments. We soon found the
house too small, so moved out
into a beautiful grove where
hundreds of people could come
and see.

On Monday Brother Oscar
Hamilton (former student of
Bible Training school) and
wife came. It was grand to hear
his explanation on the Scrip-
ture and to see him explain it
from his chart. I can see in
him what the Bible Training
school can do. Everybody
ought to attend.

Sister Jullerat's messages
were soul stirring and her songs
were grand to listen to. Brother
Churchill was at his best. O,
for a host of preachers like
him. Space will not permit me
to mention everyone but all
were at their best.

We have not learned how
many were saved and sancti-
fied but four received the Holy
Ghost and three came into the
church. Much good has been
done but we had to close on ac-
count of so much sickness in
the country.

G. T. Cook.

Report

Brother J. F. Dover and wife
have just closed a three weeks
meeting at Wannville, Ala. The
Lord wonderfully used Brother
Dover in giving out the Word.
Six were saved, sanctified, and
filled with the Holy Ghost, ac-
cording to Acts 2:4. They will
follow the Lord in water bap-
tism later. There were some
seekers when the meeting closed.

We met with much opposi-
tion at the beginning of the
meeting. We were using some
lamps that belonged to W.O.W's
and they locked them up from
us, but the Lord blessed us in
getting some wall lamps. So
we continued to fight with Sa-
tan and his works. Then the
public schools started and the
first day several men met to-
gether and had public discus-
sion concerning the meeting.
Two Baptist preachers were
there and decided it would be
best for the community for the
meeting to stop, so the plan to
stop it was for all to stay away
and keep their children away, but
the Lord continued to bless in
the meeting and the people con-
tinued to come out and before
the meeting closed most of the
opposition had vanished away
and many people were begin-
ning to believe in the way. The
Church of God has many more
friends here now, than she had
at first, for which we give God
all the praise.

Your unworthy sister, look-
ing for the soon coming of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mrs. J. R. Allen,
Wannville, Ala.

THE TONGUE

Mrs. Nola Officer

In the third chapter of James we read, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation."

We as Christians often raise up a certain standard and expect the people to come up to it and then we fall short ourselves, hence we get into greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

I know there never was a woman who would defend her position any more than I would. I would defend my position if it condemned every one else and I would stand for what I believed in spite of everything. If you expressed anything I did not believe I would take issue with you right on the spot. This grieves my own heart but I thought if I did not do so I would be compromising with the devil.

I know God has blessed me in the past as much as He could, but the depths of the knowledge of God were not then what they have been since I have learned this. It is not easy when one takes issue with everything that you think to be orthodox, to keep your mouth closed and not answer back.

I have often heard people speak about earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Then they tell how this or that fellow did, but they have gotten the wrong idea. They had a contentious spirit and a contentious spirit is not of God. "A perfect man." "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." The things that are in the heart will come out sooner or later. What God wants is for us to get our hearts right with Him. That will straighten things out.

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body." If you are able to control your tongue, there is no other member of your body of which you are not the master.

"Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" A man was walking through the prairie and threw away a match, it caught fire and burned up the whole country, as well as scores of men and women and it was caused only by a flip of a match. Brother and sister, the flip of our tongue will set a whole community on fire. If some one does wrong, it will never do you any good to go and tell it, no one will be made any better, on the contrary they will be made worse, because you have sinned against God and your brother and sister.

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." O, if we could but learn that, how it would help us through all eternity. You may have to suffer for a moment and have to bite your tongue but you had better do that than be compelled to swallow your words later. We ought to realize that it does not help any one to talk about them. How can I help the cause of Christianity if I go out and slander a brother or sister, or any one else who professes Christianity? Do you get the idea? If I go out and talk about my sister in the flesh, it is my own family on which I am casting reflections and when I am talking about anyone professing the name of Christ I am reflecting on the whole family.

"For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."

I said the other day that if a man were going to stab me,

had rather he would stab me with a knife than with a poisoned tongue. Did you get the thought? The tongue no man can tame but, brother and sister, the Holy Spirit can bridle it, if you will give Him a chance. What we ought to learn is this, "Therewith bless we God; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God."

Sister, when you go out and talk about some one, would it make you angry if I were to say you cursed? You might feel like knocking me down, yet the very moment you open your mouth to say something against another one you begin to curse. God brought this to my attention one time after I had been talking about some one. I had never used half a dozen words of profanity in my life, but when I finished reading this chapter He spoke to me and said, "You are just cursing that one out there." I said, "All right, Lord, I will confess it." If you want God's blessing in your life, stop the leakage at your mouth. Another reason that it should not be done is because we are made in the similitude of God. Consequently when you are attacking me you are attacking God because I am made in the similitude and likeness of God. Now remember that when we go out and talk about our neighbor it is just the same as stabbing God in the face. If one needs correction go to him and him alone. That is the time to talk about him.

"Therewith bless we God * * * and therewith curse we man." We bless God and then turn around and curse the man that is made like Him. Brother and sister, if we could only get the right view of the way that God looks upon the human family, Jesus loves us and says that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without the provision of His great heart and if He is mindful of the grass that is in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven, what must He think of men and women who are made in His image and likeness, and for whom Jesus died?

Brothers and sisters, let us look for the best things in those around us, we ought to magnify the good, the pure and the holy instead of the evil. Does not the Bible say that? "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on the e things." Phil. 4:8. Hallelujah! And if we do that how God will bless us.

"Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olive trees, either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." James is trying to show the inconsistency of blessing God and then cursing men.

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom." The Bible says a fool is known by his much speaking. You can take your temperature this morning, you do not have to wait for someone else to take it. Between now and sundown you can know whether you are a fool or not. How? By your much speaking, clatter, clatter, clatter. Amen, God help us.

Do you want to be wise? If you do then recognize the fact that there must be a good conversation with meekness and wisdom. Then it is demonstrated. One man got up and said, "Glory to God, I don't know anything and don't expect to." God takes the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, but God did not mean it that way. He takes the things that are weak and fills them with His strength. He takes the poor and foolish things of the world and fills them with His wisdom and then sends them out to astonish the world. God takes that which is nothing and out of its nothingness and foolishness, He fills with His strength and wisdom instead of leaving him in that state of weakness and ignorance. If we could just see that how it would help us so many times. Do you get the thought? Paul said, "When I am weak then am I strong." And when He asked God to remove

that which was bothering him, He said, "My grace is sufficient for thee * * * my strength is made perfect in weakness."

But if you have bitter envyings and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This is a strong statement but it is there. Don't go around praising and glorifying God and trying to bring forth sweet water when you know there is bitter back of it. Don't go around lying against the truth, the only way to get it out is to come and confess it and put it under the blood of Jesus Christ.

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

Oh, brother and sister, if your wisdom is pure, you will not go around trying to stir up the muddy waters. Sam Jones said that one day he saw a pig in the branch, he rode on and soon saw a man sitting on the edge of the stream and he asked what he was waiting for. He replied, "I am waiting for a drink of water but it is so muddy." Sam Jones then told him he was afraid he would have to wait a long time as there was a pig in the water. Do you get the thought? If your life is yielding muddy water this morning, get the pig out of the stream. Get the pig out. You are not going to get pure water as long as the pig is there, it will never come pure. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure," pure because the pig is out of the water.

Brother and sister, you cannot be peaceable when you are going around trying to break friendship with every one in the community. You cannot have peace to save your life. Wisdom from above is gentle, very gentle and easy to be entreated—easy to reach. Hallelujah. Brother and sister, is it not worth while? What am I going to do? What are you going to do? Instead of going around and beating our brother and sister with a club, let us have mercy on them and help them when he or she is in trouble. If back slidden or discouraged let us pat them on the back and say, "God bless you," and then see him or her look up with a smile and see the glory of God come in their faces. "Full of mercy and good fruits," "Full and without partiality." Now we have gotten the pig out of the spring, we have come into new country.

I am going to take the Church of God for an example, if you love the church, I don't care what defect you may see in her. The church, you are always going to make an excuse for that defect. Anything that you might see that you would think to be wrong you will try and explain and say it was this way or that way. And you will find a reason why the church did so and so. But if you do not love the church and do not think very much of her, then when the least little defect is manifested you will never get through talking about it.

"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." Brother and sister, where are you this morning? There is the thermometer, I could put it under your tongue and tell you how high your fever is but I cannot put it under your heart and see how cold the iceberg is.

Do you know that the Word is sharper than a two edged sword, dividing asunder the joints and the marrow? Let us practice it to-day—go out and practice what we have heard. Just practice it and if there is a pig in the spring let us get the pig out. I once saw a dead pig in the spring. It began to stink and the people wondered where that dreadful odor came from. They enquired of their neighbors to find out but at last discovered it came from near home. "Oh, my neighbor is so filthy, I just know it came from them." O yes, may the Lord help us. Lord, you see us just now. Out of the depths of our hearts we ask you to take the filth out of the dead water and let the pure water of God's love come right into our hearts, so there will be no dispositions, inclinations or temptations to judge or speak ill of any one,

because the pig has been taken out of the water.

Without partiality and without hypocrisy, Lord, help us and bless this hard sin cursed world that knows nothing about this gospel, the real gospel that cuts like a two edged sword. God wants us in the hollow of His hand every moment. If you were hid away in a grain of sand, the Lord would find you. No matter what any one else does, shout and praise God, He reigns. Christianity is not in the talking but in the doing of the gospel. Many of us are sanctified in spots and the tongue is such a little member that we forget it. Amen.

OBITUARIES

On Aug. 31, 1920, the death angel visited the home of Sister Bertha Caldron of Middletown, Ohio, and claimed little Irene, age 5 mo. and 3 days, after three months illness. It was hard to give her up but God loved her best.

She leaves to mourn her loss a father, brother and other relatives. The funeral was conducted by Brother Wilson and the body was laid to rest in the Middletown cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Mattie Higgins.

Gone to Be With Jesus

Sister Nancy Quarles departed this life June 13, 1920.

She was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost about seven years ago and lived a devoted Christian life ever since. She came to meeting and said she felt better than she had for a long time. She had been poorly for over a year. After she got to church she called her husband to take the baby and some of the sisters assisted her in getting to the window. She called her husband and said, "Are you gone?" He said, "No, I am not gone." She said, "I am gone." She was praising the Lord, her last breath. Her last words were, "I am in heaven." She had told her sister she wanted to die at the church and her request was granted. She was loved by all who knew her and we expect to meet her in the air.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, ten children and a host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother R. G. McCain and her body was laid to rest in the Lindale cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

One who loved her,
Tilda Mathis,
Lindale, Ga.

Gone But Not Forgotten

The death angel visited the home of J. L. Ricketson, Aug. 17, and claimed his darling baby boy, Lawrence, age 4 months and 7 days. He was a bright jewel in our home, and we loved him dearly, but Jesus loved him best and saw fit to call him home.

He was sick for one week and four days, and suffered intense pain. During his suffering loving hands tried to soothe his pain but our arms were too short to reach him and Jesus said he must come home.

He leaves to mourn his death a father, two brothers and five sisters besides a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother D. H. Pearson and his body was laid to rest in the Union Hill cemetery to await the resurrection.

Two little hands lie o'er his breast,
Two little feet laid down to rest;
Two little eyes in slumber closed,
How our hearts are bleeding, none but Jesus knows.

One little form that set on my knee,
Dear little hands that reached out to me;
Now they are still and silent for aye,
Angels have beckoned our darling away.

One little voice that prattled in love,
Now is singing with angels above;
There he is waiting, and watching for me,
When I shall cross the dark rolling sea.

His sister,
Eva Ricketson,
Zirkle, Ga.

FROM THE BATTLEFIELD

We have just closed a meeting at Cranmore's Cove. The Lord wonderfully blessed. One was sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and five were

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added to the church, reports W. A. Gunter, Evansville, Tenn.

We have just closed a meeting at Hartwell, Ga. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Five were saved, one sanctified and some were healed. Great interest was taken and good order prevailed through the services. We expect to go from here to Persimmon, Ga. Pray for our success in winning souls for Jesus.

J. C. Underwood,
Jesse Rogers.

A wonderful revival closed at Duke, N. C. Aug. 29, 1920. The power of the Lord was manifested in a wonderful way. Forty were saved, twenty-seven were sanctified, thirteen were filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty were baptized in water and forty-three were added to the church. The devil was stirred at this place and the gain-sayers looked on in amazement. The power of God was manifested, demons were cast out and the sick were healed. Brothers G. T. Stargel, F. D. Hardy, Sam Cherrie and Paul Walker were in charge. The Lord supplied their needs, and a large amount of tithes and offerings were taken in. A great victory was won, reports W. E. Turner.

A meeting has just closed at Empire, Ala. Brother Prince and myself were called to assist the pastor, W. F. Bryant in the meeting. We believe much good was done. Twelve prayed through to victory, nine sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost and five were added to the church. Quite a number were healed. Much love was manifested among the saints. The Empire church is coming to the top, reports W. M. Coleman, Farners, Tenn.

Have just closed a meeting at O'Brien, Fla. The power of God was manifested in a wonderful way. The sick were healed, devils were cast out and the violence of fire was quenched. There was shouting, singing and dancing under the power. Several were filled with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Six followed the Lord in water baptism and five were added to the church, reports Edison W. Williams, Ft. White, Fla.

We came to Florence, Ala. Jan. 1, 1920. The place was in total darkness as to the church

and the Holy Ghost. We began holding prayer meetings three times a week and large crowds would attend. Brother Berryhill and wife have been with us and we held a ten days meeting. We held the meeting in a brush arbor and when it rained the people stayed just the same. Brother Berryhill would rub the water off of his face and keep on preaching. At last people got under conviction and some came to the altar and were saved. The meeting closed with people at the altar, reports A. C. Kephart and wife.

Have just closed a wonderful meeting at Lanier, Tex. Brother G. G. Asher and wife, my wife and myself and other workers were in charge. God worked from the very first night and we preached the precious truth of Pentecost for the first time as this was a new field. Seventeen were saved, fifteen sanctified, fourteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and five baptized in water with about ten more to follow. Brother Scoggins, our overseer, set a church in order with eighteen members. This opens up the work for miles around as the very best people in the country came into the church. We can say with the early church we had favor with all the people. The Church of God is on the move in Texas. This makes three new churches in Texas in the month of Aug. We got \$265.00 subscribed toward a building fund, and twelve subscriptions for the Evangelist, reports T. M. McClen-don, pastor.

We have just closed a ten days meeting at Friendship Tabernacle, Miss., with great results. Brother F. J. Lee and wife were with us and to say we enjoyed their coming wouldn't express our appreciation for these dear saints of God. Brother Lee preached on his chart and it was wonderful. How our hearts would leap for joy when we knew it was possible for us to escape the awful tribulation. Conviction seized the people from the very first and the altar was crowded with seekers from time to time. Seven received the Holy Ghost and many were blessed in other ways. Large crowds attended the services. We had visitors from several churches and we all decided to build a large tabernacle and camping ground and have Brother and Sister Lee come back next year and hold a three weeks meeting, reports H. A. Pressgrove.

THE CHURCH WHICH IS HIS BODY

C. A. Churchill

There is much being said in this day concerning the church or body of Christ. And to those who do not search the Word carefully, the subject is more puzzling. The church subject like all other Bible subjects, should be studied in the light of the Word. Leaving off all theories of men and letting the Bible fully settle all points. Most every one believes God has a church but of her make-up and location and how we become a member, many seem to misunderstand the Scriptures. Some say we are born into the church while others say we are baptized into the church and refer to 1 Cor. 12:13. In order to fully understand this important subject we must of necessity know something about the meaning of words, languages, etc.

It is true that Jesus said He would build His church. What kind of material do you suppose He used? Did He take sinners and build them into the church? Or did He take sinners and make Christians out of them and then build the church out of them? When a man builds a house he does not try to build it out of trees and the trees still standing in the woods, such a thing would be unreasonable and impossible.

He cuts down the trees and takes them to the saw mill and has them sawed into the right kind of pieces, lengths etc. Then he builds the house out of this material that he has worked over. It is the same timber only it has been worked over into different lengths, widths etc., the same with humanity. God takes up old rusty sinners and as soon as they repent of their sins, He forgives them and then He begins to use them as material in the greatest building of the ages—the church.

To those who claim that we are born into the church, we have only to say that there is not a passage of Scripture in the Bible that says that we are born into the church, therefore that theory ought to be completely discarded. And to those who say that we are baptized into the one body and that one body is the church, we will say that there are several things to be understood before we should venture an opinion of that kind. The word born means to come forth, in other words, it means to come to sight and the word baptize means to put into, so we see that these two words have different meanings. When you press these fellows close enough who claim that we are baptized into the church by the Spirit, they will turn on you and say we are born into the church making the two words mean the same when they do not.

The exact quotation of 1 Cor. 12:13 is as follows, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." The words in and into are both prepositions and both belong to that class of prepositions which have distinctive uses. In denotes presence on the inside and into denotes entrance from the outside to the inside. Now by the Spirit we are to enter from the outside to the inside of that body." The people that John baptized "in Jordan" no doubt waded into the water and were baptized "in Jordan" that is they were baptized after they got in the river and not baptized "into the river," then how do we get into this body Paul spoke of?—we are baptized into the body. What does it mean? It means entrance from the outside to the inside. What does this mean? Whether we be Jew or Gentile, whether we be bond or free, and does this not mean a common faith for both? And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring—Jesus. Then what will you have? One body.

Paul said, "For he is our peace who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; to make in himself

of twain one new man so making peace. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." Eph. 2:14-16. This is none other than the body that Paul had previously said we were baptized into by the Spirit. If 1 Cor. 12:13 means baptized into the church then there is contradiction in the same chapter for in the 18th verse Paul said, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him." 1 Cor. 12:18.

Then to say that we are baptized into the body by the Spirit and that is the baptism of the Holy Ghost would also be a contradiction for Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Ghost in the case of 1 Cor. 12:13. The Spirit is the one who does the baptizing. Well, says one, we are baptized by on-Spirit into the body or church and that is not the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Alright what sign is given you, or how do you know just when you get this "baptism into the body?" Not one could tell when they get this baptism into the body or the church as they say. Let us go a little farther with the analysis—"baptized into one body"—entrance from the outside to the inside. Here is a crowd of sinners, the Spirit baptizes them into the one body and they are Christians and members of God's church. Many can now see the fallacy of such an argument. We will go a little further with it, here is a crowd of sinners and they repent of their sins and God forgives them and they really have a godly sorrow for their sins. They receive the new birth and they enter from the outside of the body to the inside of the body and are baptized into the one body by the Spirit and these are all one and the same. My dear reader, you can see the fallacy of this argument that it is unreasonable, unscriptural and impossible.

This is just as reasonable as it would be to take the trees in the forest and build a house with them and leave the limbs, knots, leaves, etc. on them. The timber must be prepared first.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must have the new birth, there was nothing said about being baptized into the one body. He must have the new birth that Jesus spoke about before He could see the kingdom of heaven.

How then, says one, do we get into the church? We are added to the church. In the Acts of the Apostles it is said that the Lord added daily to the church such as should be saved; in the original Greek reading it says the Lord added daily to the church such as were being saved. Then another thing, if being saved puts people into the church there would be no need of God adding them. There is a vast difference between adding and being saved. Add means to attach to by a common agreement or covenant. Saved means delivered, and in other words add means to attach to and saved means delivered from. Now when it says that God added to the church daily such as should, or were being saved, it is evident that God did not come down there and add them to the church, but it is clear that He did it through the hands of the apostles.

God preached the gospel through the apostles, but when it comes to adding them to the church, some say that man had nothing to do with it. I think that preaching the gospel was just as important as adding to the church. I also think that performing miracles was equally as important, and we know that the apostles had something to do with these and it is also evident that the apostles had something to do with the adding to the church. If this is not reasonable I do not understand the Bible.

Then there are some other thoughts that I wish to drop here and you can read and reason them out by the Bible. The Lord knows that I have studied this subject with an open heart. We find that John the Baptist preached and baptized people when they had repented of their sins, for he refused to baptize some who came out as snakes in the grass—generation of vipers.

Then if being saved put people in the church, these people were already in the church, but yet the church was not built for Jesus said after that, "I will build my church." Multitudes went out and were baptized confessing their sins, but they were not in the church for the church had not yet been built. After while the church was actually built and we find that there were churches at different places, i. e., the church at Corinth, Thessalonica, Galatia, etc. These churches were all under the direction of the apostles, sometimes they would meet in session and form decrees and then deliver them to the churches.

"And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:4, 5.

Does it look like man had anything to do with the church in the days of the apostles? It is the same now, that is the reason we do not allow one little fellow to have his own way about anything. When we folks receive information or advice we want it to come from headquarters and not go from us or some one else up to headquarters.

Paul said that God had set some in the church, pastors, evangelists and prophets and helpers and leaders, but if being saved put people in the church, God would not have had to set these prophets or apostles in the church. The thought is this—He sets the ones He wants in their respective places. Some may say, Did not Jesus say, Every branch in me that bringeth forth no fruit, I take it out? That proves that man has something to do with it. In some cases some wicked pastors might cast some out of the church that ought not to be cast out, as in the case of Diotrephes. But in the case of the vine and the branches, the question is fruit bearing and not church affairs in the least. We are commanded by the greatest Teacher this world has ever had, to go to this unruly brother and tell his fault between him and thee alone and if he will not hear thee take two others with you and if he shall neglect to hear these two then tell it to the church. Now if man has nothing to do with it at all Jesus would never have said, "Tell it to the church." If he fails to hear the church then you are to look upon him as an heathen and publican. Thank God, that is doing business. Jesus said for us to do that and we are determined to obey Christ in all things as far as we know. Paul said the church was subject to Christ in all things, some members may disobey those who have the rule over them sometimes but the church is subject to Jesus all the time, that is the reason that she is drawing down the streams of criticism upon her fair head.

There is one body and one Lord, one faith and one baptism and one church and the world has begun to feel the affect of the church. It is only a matter of time until every thing else in the way of churches will count for nothing for the Church of God will be so far ahead of them that they will take their signs down and take sides with the world which they have already done in a great measure and the church will rise and shine and all the nations will flow into her. Thank God! Hallelujah!! People are looking this way as never before.

Here are some thoughts that are worth while. Years ago when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the people in the West, they were of one accord, there was no division and great grace and fear was upon the people and they had revivals which were worth while, but after while division came, on account of no government. Then their revivals ceased to be like they used to be and as a result there are about fourteen different sects and all claiming to be Pentecostal people.

When the Church of God people started to preach regener-

ation, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing as provided for in the atonement, signs following believers and the full restoration of the gifts to the church, God was with them and they have never departed from the faith. And they are still preaching what they started to preach in the beginning. Of course better systems have developed and better organization, etc. But the essentials they first preached, they are preaching now and the others are preaching this thing and that thing and there is more confusion than a little.

Dr. Talmage said in his great sermon on "Revision of Creeds," "I move for a creed made out of verses of Scripture, pure and simple and the church that adopts such a creed and only such will be the church that will rise to meet Jesus and be the bride of the Bridegroom when He comes for His own." Trusting that these thoughts will be of some benefit to some honest seekers after the truth, I close and ask God to bless all who may read them. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it—Jesus.

BE NOT ENTANGLED

Ilah O. Blake

In Gal. 5:1 we read: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." After we have been made free from our yoke of bondage, let's be careful, very careful that we don't become entangled again. To do this we have to watch, not only this but pray. As we go along this narrow way there is something that is trying to entangle us on every side.

Oh, the devil is surely doing his best now—among the old and young. He is trapping the young people! Let's get closer to God. The time has come when we have to move out from the place where we have stayed so long. Grow in grace. At first when the Lord gave me salvation, I'll admit that I would do things that I won't do now. Why? because I'm growing from where I was when I started.

Dear young people, beware of the many, many things that are out to entangle, trap you and be a hindrance to you spiritually.

Like the words we have heard, "Everything that glitters and shines is not gold." Let's be careful that we associate and keep company with the right kind of people, if we don't the first thing we know we'll be leaking out spiritually, isn't it so? I don't blame the worldly boy for wanting a Christian girl or a worldly girl for wanting a Christian boy, but listen, I've found by watching that it won't do. Where there is a sinner of the two there is a tendency to draw back and not be in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. Be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Listen, again we read in 2 Cor. 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Aren't these few lines enough to warn us against sinners? Aren't these few lines enough to teach us a lesson? Surely we can see this, can't we? Look around and see if you can't see a boy or girl that used to testify, sing and pray, that has become entangled. See if you can't see some one that used to enjoy the liberty and freedom of life that is now bound down by something, by not listening to these commands. I can see, and I'm watching and praying too.

If we have salvation, and there is no one to associate with but sinners and worldly people, I've found that it pays to be alone rather than be bound and unequally yoked together with unbelievers. After we get salvation surely we don't enjoy the conversation of the world, surely we don't want to indulge in the things and be entangled again with the things we did before the Lord made us free.

Without a doubt it surely must be the most beautiful sight in the world to see young people free and shouting the

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Do you know that some one is watching you? Do you know that you are influencing someone somewhere? Some very little thing that we might do might cause a precious soul to be lost. Let's watch and pray! The Lord will care for us, He will never leave nor forsake. As I sit at the intertype in the Evangel building setting the many requests for prayer, it makes me want to draw nearer God, so my prayers will be answered in behalf of others.

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